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FOREWORD

This standard was approved by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture and Food Technology - 1 and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1996-10-17.

'Embul' variety bananas have a high export potential besides their large consumption within the country. Bananas are required to be transported to long distances and for varying lengths of time. In order to ensure that bananas reach the consumer's end in a proper condition, it is necessary that they are maintained under certain conditions so as to prolong their storage in an unripe condition. It is necessary that the bananas are harvested at a certain stage of maturity, are healthy, and are also handled properly during different phases of transport and storage. The objective of formulating this code of practice is to assist those involved in the export of bananas.

During the formulation of this specification due consideration has been given to the relevant provisions made under the Sri Lanka Food Act No. 26 to 1980. Specific requirements given in the specification, wherever applicable are in accordance with relevant regulations. However, general provisions made under the Sri Lanka Food Act have not been included in this specification and therefore, the attention of the user of this specification is drawn to these general provisions.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or an analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with **CS 102**. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value shall be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

In the preparation of this standard the assistance derived from the following publications is gratefully acknowledged:

- i) ISO 931 : 1980 International standard for green bananas - Guide to storage and transport.
- ii) IS 6028 : 1983 Indian Standard guide for storage and transport of green bananas.
- iii) HURLSTON, E.F, Sri Lanka bananas production and post harvest technology manual, prepared for Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka, Colombo.

1 SCOPE

This standard recommends a code of practice to be adopted in harvesting, handling, packaging, marking, storage and transportation of 'Embul' type bananas for export.